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## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-6 and 19, drawn to heat and pressure fixing apparatus with temperature detecting means configuration; and

Group II, claims 7-18 and 20, drawn to standby heating of a heating roller of a fixing apparatus.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-6 and 19).

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein, Registration No 29,271, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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